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# Security Council

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**Adopted by the Security Council at its 5384th meeting, on 14 March 2006**

*The Security Council*,

*Reaffirming* all its previous resolutions and statements pertaining to the situation between Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the requirements contained therein, including in particular resolutions 1622 (2005) of 13 September 2005 and 1640 (2005) of 23 November 2005, as well as the statement of its President of 24 February 2006 (S/PRST/2006/10),

*Stressing* its unwavering commitment to the peace process, and to the full and expeditious implementation of the Algiers Agreements,

*Stressing further* that lasting peace between Ethiopia and Eritrea (hereinafter referred to as "the parties") as well as in the region cannot be achieved without the full demarcation of the border between the two parties, and *recalling* that both parties have agreed to accept the delimitation and demarcation decisions of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission (EEBC) as final and binding,

*Reaffirming* its strong commitment to ensure that the two parties permit the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) to perform its duties without restrictions and provide UNMEE with the necessary access, assistance, support and protection required for the performance of these duties, and in this regard *stressing* that demarcation of the border cannot proceed effectively unless UNMEE is allowed full freedom of movement throughout its area of operations,

*Welcoming* the successful convening of the meeting of the Witnesses to the Algiers Agreements on 22 February 2006 in New York, as well as the convening of the EEBC meeting on 10 March 2006 in London,

*Bearing in mind* the reports of the Secretary-General of 3 January 2006 (S/2006/1) and of 6 March 2006 (S/2006/140) and the options on the future of UNMEE contained therein,

*Decides* to extend the mandate of UNMEE for a period of one month until 15 April 2006;

*Demands* that the two parties fully comply with resolution 1640 (2005), in particular paragraphs 1 and 5;

*Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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